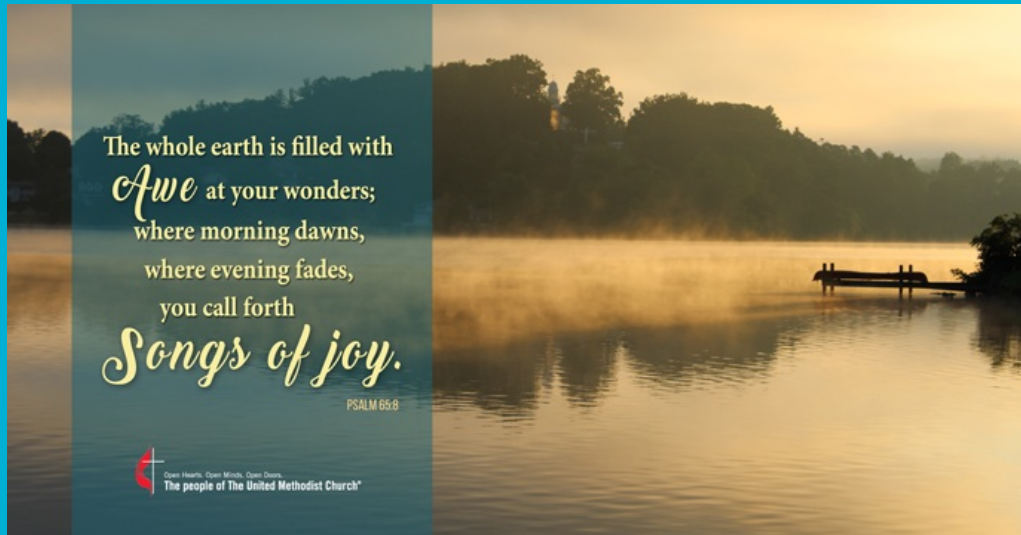


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JOYS & CONCERNS

Please include these prayer requests in your weekly church bulletin, in your prayers during your Sunday worship if you have a time of "pastoral prayer" and keep these pastors, their families and the Church families in your prayers throughout the week.

June 2

The **Limestone Church**. **Rev. Robert Beard**, his wife Sandra and their family.

June 9

The **Little Valley Church**. **Pastor Lee Capodagli** and his family.

June 16

The **Magnolia Church**. **Pastor John Bowen**, his wife Cordie and their family.

Prayers for the **10th Session of the Upper New York Annual Conference**, June 5-8 at The Oncenter in Syracuse. Pray for our Bishop, clergy & lay members of the Annual Conference and all who have been and will be working "out front" and behind the scenes. Please note that the District office will be closed during Annual Conference.

Please join in offering **best wishes** and **congratulations** to these members of the Bemus Point United Methodist church family:
Carolyn Barnes, director of Traditional Worship, is retiring at the end of May. Carolyn has served as church choir director & organist for almost 12 years. She and her husband Chuck plan to stay in the local community.

Brandon Hatch, director of Contemporary Worship & Technical Arts, who has been awarded a scholarship to pursue a Master's of Divinity

degree at Grand Rapids (MI) Theological Seminary. Brandon and his wife Heidi will be moving to Grand Rapids in August.

Tim Swauger, director of Discipleship & Outreach, has been awarded a scholarship to pursue a Ph.D. in Missiology at Asbury Theological Seminary. Tim, his wife Aruna and their daughter Megan will be moving to Wilmore, KY, in August.

Also be in prayer for **all** who are in need of physical healing, burdened by stress, living with grief, and more.



NEW - Please Save the Date!

As most of you know, **Rev. Sherri Rood** will complete her tenure as Cornerstone's District Superintendent on June 30. To show our appreciation to Sherri for her eight years of ministry in our District, we have planned a time to celebrate with her through worship and fellowship on **Thursday, June 27**, with worship at 7 p.m. and fun and fellowship to follow.

Please plan to come and share in this time with people from around our district along with our host church, **Christ First UMC**, 663 Lakeview Ave. in Jamestown. All are welcome!

FREE Community Breakfast at Napoli United Methodist Church, 10087 Route 242 in Little Valley.

**Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.
on Saturday, June 1.
All are welcome!**

Tea Time at Magnolia

Magnolia United Methodist Church, 3969 Route 394 north of Stow, will host a tea for ladies, young and old, beginning at **2 p.m.** on **Saturday, June 1.**

All are invited to "dress up," especially with hats, fancy or funny, and attend an afternoon of Faith, Friends and Frills.



Prayer for Graduates

Graduation marks a major milestone in life, a time when we celebrate accomplishments and transition to another phase. Click [here](#) to view a video that combines images of graduates with the words of a benediction written by the Rev. Jay Moyers. We encourage you to share the link with individuals or as part of worship or small group time as you offer prayers



for those who are completing their schoolwork and dreaming of the future.



Monthly Breakfast at Ripley

A hearty breakfast (pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, home fries) awaits you at **Ripley United Methodist Church**, 84 W. Main St., on **Saturday, June 8.**

All you can eat & drink for \$7. Food is served from **7:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** Proceeds will benefit the South Ripley Cemetery Association.

REMINDER - When you get a call from the District Office . .

The phone at the District Office goes through the Conference Office system. So a call from the Cornerstone district office will display 315-898-2000 (Conference Office main number) on your caller ID. We will leave a message for you, but please don't hit "redial" to call us back; dial 716-665-2423 to call us back.

Blessing of the Bikes

Calling all bikers! **Panama United Methodist Church**, 22 E. Main St., will be the site of a Blessing of the Bikes on **Sunday, June 9.**



Folks are invited to gather at **12 noon** at the church's picnic pavilion (in the church's community room if the weather is bad) for pulled pork, all the sides, drinks, music, etc. The blessing of bikes and riders will take place at approximately **1:20 p.m.** with kickstands up at **1:30 p.m.** for a ride together.

The event is intended for **motorcycle riders** but all bikes are welcome! Please share this [poster](#) with your riding circles and make plans to attend. If possible, please let Pastor Steve Taylor if you plan to attend to help with planning for the meal: steven.taylor@panamaumc.org.



UPDATE - "New Places for New People"

Upper New York Area Resident Bishop, Mark J. Webb and Rev. David Masland, the Director of New Faith Communities, are offering the opportunity for individual clergy and laity, as well as every United Methodist Church in Upper NY to become a **"New Places for New People" Partner.**

Click [here](#) to watch a video featuring Bishop Webb and Rev. Masland; for handouts, a PowerPoint presentation, a video, and the platform to make a donation online, click [here](#).

Intro to Annual Conference Video

The Upper New York Annual Conference scheduled June 5-8, 2019, is **less than one week away!** Are you ready? Click [here](#) to watch a video of Conference Lay Leader Susan Hardy, and Lucina Hallagan, Conference Lay Servant Director, as they walk you through **what to expect** at the 2019 UNY Annual Conference.



If you missed the May 3 deadline, the next opportunity to register will be **on site** at the Oncenter with an **additional \$50 fee**.

Looking for **more information** about the 10th session of the Upper New York Annual Conference? **General information** as well as information about **volunteer opportunities** and **other events** taking place during Annual Conference, click [here](#).

Cornerstone's Equalization Members for 2019

As we are keeping the Upper New York Annual Conference (June 5-8) in our prayers, please keep in mind those from our District who will be serving as Equalization Members:

Youth/Young Adult

Emily Allen
Katie Allen
Caitlyn Hurd
Cassandra Hurd
Ashley Pascoe
Andrew Post
Kristian Snyder
Gabi Wilson
Max Wolfe

Adult

Carolyn Barnes
Cindy Hull
Paul Kayes
Brandon Meacham
William Rounds
Candy Scarem
Bernie Tessey
Rick Turnquist
Chuck Wittenbrook
Gary Wilder
Frank Wilson

We greatly appreciate the willingness of these folks to serve the District in this way.

2020 Delegate Applicants

At the 2019 session of the Upper New York Annual Conference, members will **elect delegates** to the **2020 General Conference** in Minneapolis, MN (May 5-15, 2020) and the **2020 Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference** in Hunt Valley, MD (July 13-17, 2020).

You may [view](#) all the UNY Conference lay and clergy members who have expressed a desire to serve as delegates and meet the requirements, keeping in mind that all clergy members are able to be elected unless they designated that they do not want to serve as a delegate and lay people can put their names on the ballot at any time.

Please Do Your Homework!

Annual Conference is fast approaching and the **Petitions and Resolutions**



Committee would like to make this year's Conference as informative and helpful as possible.

Click [here](#) to see a list of the **petitions and resolutions that will come before Annual Conference**. They are in the order that they will be introduced to the membership. Contact information is

included so that you may contact the writers for more information about their submissions.

Click [here](#) to read petitions and resolutions received in time for publication in the 2019 UNY Conference Journal, Volume I (starting on page 65). Click [here](#) to view resolutions that were not received in time for inclusion in the 2019 UNY Conference Journal, Volume I.

The Petitions and Resolutions Committee would like petitioners and AC attendees to have the **opportunity** at Annual Conference **to engage in conversation, answer questions, or provide clarification** to the petitions and resolutions that will come before the body during plenary. This will take place near the registration area in the lobby during lunch periods.

Although optional, the Committee believes this may result in increased understanding for the members of Annual Conference before attending plenary. You are encouraged to take advantage of every opportunity to be fully engaged in the petition process before we come together to vote.



NEW - Camp & Retreat Ministries Looking for Summer Help

Camp & Retreat Ministries (CRM) is looking forward to a great summer programming season at **Aldersgate, Asbury, Casowasco, Sky Lake, and Skye Farm**. We are excited that campers, families, and retreat guests are registering for fun-filled and life-changing programs where skills will be learned and honed, and confidence will be gained. They will join us in learning and deepening their understanding of what it means to live in a Christian Community being reminded that: There is a God, God loves you, and God wants a relationship with you. If you have yet to sign up your camper, yourself, or your family, there are still spaces in most programs - check them out [here](#).

CRM is also looking for some key summer staff for this summer. There is a critical need for a [Health Director](#) at Casowasco and Skye Farm. This can be an EMT, LPN, RN, PA, NP or Physician with current CPR FPR w/AED and valid Driver's License. This individual would live on site for 1 week to the full summer season depending on availability. Please feel free to share this [Health Director flyer](#) with your local EMS, Hospital, School Nurse, or

Fire Department to help us recruit this key position. If interested or more information is needed, call Casowasco (315) 364-8756 or apply [here](#) or call Skye Farm (518) 494-7170 or apply [here](#).

Aldersgate, Casowasco, Sky Lake, and Skye Farm are also in need of additional summer staff as male counselors and lifeguards. If you know anyone that would make a good candidate, please let us know or ask them to contact us. If YOU would be interested in serving at our sites and being a part of the team of staff caring for campers and our site so they may know and experience God's love, please contact us. It may be the most impactful experience (week or summer) of your life!

Call Aldersgate (315) 348-8833 or apply [here](#).

Call Casowasco (315) 364-8756 or apply [here](#).

Call Sky Lake (607) 467-2750 or apply [here](#).

Call Skye Farm (518) 494-7170 or apply [here](#).

If you are interested in receiving training and participating as a volunteer at any of our sites, there are many ways you can serve. Please call the site where you'd like to volunteer for more information.

And don't forget to come to our sites for their Open House. See the flyer [here](#)!

Skye Farm: June 1, 1-6pm
Sky Lake: June 2, 1:30-5pm
Aldersgate: June 15, 2-7pm
Casowasco: June 16, 2-7pm
Asbury: June 30, 1-4pm

See you soon!

CRCDS Luncheon

Are you attending Annual Conference and an alum, student, or friend of The **Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School**? You are invited to a luncheon! A free lunch will be provided during lunch (approximately 12:15 p.m.) on

Thursday, June 6, at the **Everson Museum** (kitty corner to the Oncenter), 401 Harrison St. Please send your RSVP to Debbie Diederich, 585-340-9643 or ddiederich@crcds.edu.



2019 Denman Award Winners

The **Harry Denman Evangelism Award** honors United Methodists who bring people into a life-transforming relationship with Jesus Christ. Each year, the Upper New York Conference works with the Foundation for Evangelism to recognize and honor one lay and clergy member for their commitment to consistently introducing others to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The **laity recipient** of the 2019 Harry Denman Evangelism Award is the

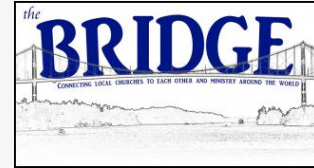
Upper New York Conference's Director of Missional Engagement, **Mike Block**.

The **clergy recipient** of the 2019 Harry Denman Evangelism Award is the **Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady II**, pastor at Asbury First UMC in the Genesee Valley District.

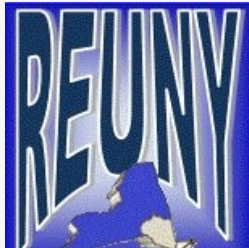
Congratulations to these recipients! Click [here](#) to read more.

Make Copies of the *Bridge*!

The **May issue II** of the *Bridge* is now available for download. It is available in both color and black & white formats. Click [here](#) to select the version you prefer and make copies as necessary.



This issue focuses on ways to **celebrate Pentecost at home** and also informs readers about the meaning of **Peace with Justice Sunday**.



Breakfast at Annual Conference

The **Renewal and Evangelism in Upper New York** team invites you to come share an inspiring breakfast with Dr. David Watson on **Friday, June 7**, in the Lafayette Ballroom of the **Syracuse Crown Plaza Hotel**, 701 E. Genesee St.

Breakfast will begin at **6:30 a.m.** with the program scheduled from **7 a.m. to 8 a.m.** There is no charge to attend the program.

Dr. Watson, an author and professor and academic dean at United Theological Seminary in Dayton, OH, will share his observations from the Special Session of General Conference 2019. An ordained elder in the West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church, his most recent book is Scripture and the Life of God: Why the Bible Matters Today More Than Ever.

Reservations and advance payment for the breakfast (\$20) are required. Please send checks, made payable to "REUNY," to Rev. Stan Scoville, 8999 Jackson Hill Rd., Cuba, NY, 14727. **Checks must be received by June 1.** Questions? Call Rev. Rick LaDue, 716-969-0432.



Important Dates For Your Calendar!

June 5-8

Upper New York Annual Conference

The Oncenter, Syracuse, NY (Click [here](#) for agenda)
(District Office will be closed during Annual Conference)

June 16

Peace with Justice Sunday

<http://www.umciving.org/ministry-articles/peace-with-justice-sunday>

UNY United Methodist Historical Society to Meet

The **Upper New York United Methodist Historical Society** will meet on **Saturday, June 15** at the **UNY Conference Center** (7481 Henry Clay Blvd.) in Liverpool (click [here](#) to download a flyer). "Early birds" may volunteer in the Conference archives beginning at **9:30 a.m.** Bring your own lunch if eating at the Center.

The Society meeting will start about **12:40 p.m.** with a business meeting, followed by a PowerPoint presentation by Nancy Rutenber on UMC Historic Sites connected to Upper New York Conference. Then there will be a ceremony for retiring old Bibles led by the Rev. Jim Barnes II. Bring your worn-out Bibles for recycling or burning. Hard covers and any metal may need to be removed before any recycling. The meeting is open to all those interested.



Peace With Justice Sunday, June 16

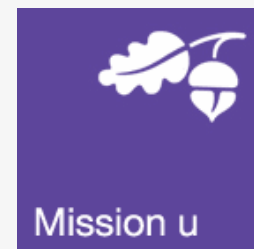
Peace with Justice Sunday is one of six churchwide Special Sundays with offerings of The United Methodist Church. Peace with Justice Sunday enables The United Methodist Church to have a voice in advocating for peace and justice through a broad spectrum of global programs. The special offering benefits peace with justice

ministries in the annual conference and through the General Board of Church and Society.

To learn more, please click [here](#).

2019 Mission u

Mission u offers opportunities to study current issues that have an impact on society based on recent mission study topics. Mission u is open to women, men, youth, clergy and laity. You are invited to come to **Asbury Camp & Retreat Center** on **July 25-27** for this retreat that offer two study groups that all participants attend: *Practicing Resurrection: Gospel of Mark and Discipleship* (spiritual growth) and *What About Our Money? A Faith Response* (social action). Besides the study groups, there is worship & singing, interest groups and fellowship.



Cost includes registration, room and board. Registration deadline is **July 10**. Click [here](#) to download a brochure and for more information.

Check Out ResourceUMC!

ResourceUMC is a new site rich with content from around The United Methodist Church - all to provide quick access to the

information and inspiration **local church** and **connectional leaders** need to make effective disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

[Here](#) you will find practical and timely resources on specific topics such as worship, stewardship, mission, church administration, specialized ministries and much more. You will also find detailed information on each general agency and other denominational entities such as the Council of Bishops, Connectional Table, General Conference and the ethnic/language national plans. Whether you are looking for ideas for a children's ministry, launching a church website or want to learn about how we celebrate Holy Communion, we want to connect you with the best resources available.

ResourceUMC will continue to grow - it will never be finished! As you explore the site you may find some areas more filled out than others. Watch for more content and new topics in the coming weeks and months. New resources will be added constantly. You can help us fulfill our mission to resource leaders by telling us what would be helpful to you and sending suggestions. Share questions, critiques and ideas by emailing us at ResourceUMC@umcom.org.



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